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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*

Director, Bureau of Land Management Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

Director, Geological Survey Director, National Park Service

Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Smoky

Canyon Mine, Panels F and G Extension, BLM Pocatello Field Office and Caribou-

Targhee National Forest, Caribou County, Idaho

(ER 03/768)(Agency due date: October 15, 2003)

The Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service have published in the September 15, 2003, <u>Federal Register</u>, a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the subject project. You may access the Notice of Intent on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont03.html.

This notice gives you an early opportunity to provide technical assistance and/or to participate from your areas of special expertise or jurisdiction. If significant involvement is indicated, you should also participate in the follow-up scoping activities.

Comments should be made directly to the person listed in the notice by October 15, 2003.

Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this Office.

/s/ 9/23/03

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